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This issue begins our 31st year of publication. We attribute our longevity to our contributors and readers. Thanks to all of you.

Particular praise is in order for our News Department. Their steadiness, in providing at copy and photos for events at their respective schools has been invaluable.

In this issue, as is traditional in January, we typically award **Stringer of the Year** to the News Department's greatest contributor for the preceding year but for lack of room will defer this to the

February issue. Also, we give recognition to the **Best Text Contribution by a Non-Stringer**. Finally, the January issue provides a pictorial review of 2018, showing the best of the images gracing our pages that year, and, finally, we select **Image of the Year**. The Image award is not to any individual depicted, nor to the submitter or the photographer, although, of course, they have our gratitude. Rather, the image is selected in its own right as representative of Taekwon-Do at its best.



In Neenah, Wisconsin, at **Fox Valley Taekwon-Do**, Mrs. **Caren Johnson** and Mr. **Marc Mikkelson** tested for Fifth Dan and Mr. **Matthew Betchner** for First Dan. Pictured left to right, 2nd row, are F.M. Van Hecke, 8th Dan, Mrs. Johnson, USTF State Director Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, Mr. Mikkelson, Mr. Betchner, and Dr. **John Butitta**, 5th Dan, Fox Valley's Head; 1st row, **Steven Betchner**, 2nd Dan, **Alessandra Betchner** and **Rosalia Johnson**, 1st Dans, **Dan Kelley**, 3rd Dan. Photos page 3.

BEST TEXT CONTRIBUTION

The Best Text Contribution by a Non-Stringer Award goes to Grand Master **Stan Martin** for his write-up in the February issue of a USTF Referee Seminar held January 13 in Rock Springs, Wyoming. The course was taught by Master **Jerry Sisco**. GM Martin’s description was clear, lean and mean, and representative of the best of our contributions by club officials of their events.

Mr. **Faren Lindsey** is Promoter of a Black Belt test for **Quincy Taekwon-Do** in Quincy, Illinois to be held in December or January.

Likely on February 1, a Dan testing at Senatobia Taekwon-Do, Senatobia, Mississippi. The promoter is Mr. **Jeremy Bennett**.

March 9th, Black Belt Test at Sereff Taekwon-Do, Broomfield, Colorado.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On January 26 the **Academy of Martial Arts, Sheboygan Falls**, will hold a tournament. Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky** is the Promoter; Mr. **Marc Mikkelson** will be the Director.

The **2019 Maestas Team Challenge** is scheduled for March 23, 2019 at the Apex Center in Arvada.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

January 26th, 2019 **Sereff Chili Cookoff Invitational Jr. Tournament** at Sereff Taekwon Do.

The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance** held its 2018 Falss Black Belt Test on November 17.



At **Fairbanks Taekwon-Do** had our last test for year 2018 on December 8th. It was a small one but no less exciting. They all put their Hand, Foot, Heart into it.

We wish all within the USTF a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

The test group consists of, from left to right: **Kiel Couch** (7th gup), Master G. Williams, **Aidan Couch** (7th gup), **Jaxon Browning** (4th gup), **Lucas Naber** (3rd gup), **Carson Lundquist** (1st gup), and the supporting cast: **Susan Hicks** IV Dan, and **Arlene Slocum** III Dan.

Master Guy Williams, D.F.S.



Mrs. Johnson, 3 boards with fore fist, Mr. Mikkelson 5, Mr. Betchner, age 14, undaunted by bungee cords. Johnson with 4 (downward kick), and Mikkelson with 6, age for them irrelevant.

Sereff Taekwon Do held their Winter Color Belt test on the 15th of December. Many of our families that kick together enjoyed meeting their goals of promoting in rank! Ms. Cameo Zugschwert ran the testing and kept everyone on spot along with the test board consisting of Grand Master Renee' Sereff, Ms. Louise Fox, Mr. Gahlen Bell, Mrs. Lorie Ruby, Mr. Jason Rose, Ms. Lisa Winkler, and Ms. Caityn Fitch. High test score recipients for this test were Jason Griffis, Rebekah Parish, Dustin Lampert, and Peter Daniel.



Referee Course held December 1st at STKD taught by GM Kirk Steadman at Sereff Taekwon-Do. Updated USTF Referee Books are now available now through headquarters and should be used in future.



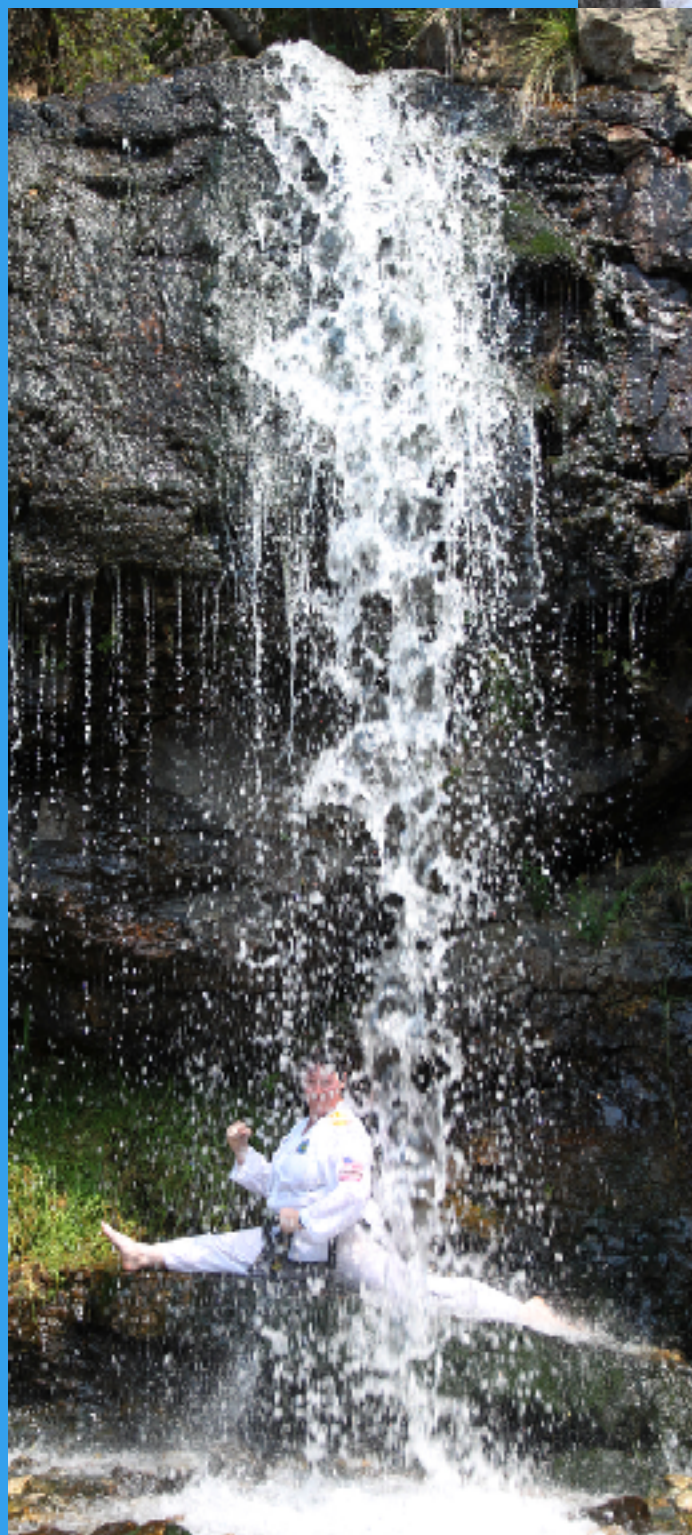
So, which will be the Image of the Year?





2018 Retrospective





Great pics, great contributions.



Waterfalls popular, breaks as always, high kicks, kids having fun.





Ho Sin Sool routines,
past echoes, effort
and exhaustion.





Love of our Art



Love of our Country



Image of the Year for 2018